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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 755

AMEMBASSY TOKYO FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPRE FLASH

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4520

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:

SUBJECT: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

1. JAPANESE RED ARMY GUNMAN CALLED AT APPROX 12:20 LOCAL TIME AND DEMANDED TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. JAP AMBASSADOR SUMA IS NOW IN SINGAPORE BUT FIRST SECRETARY TOMKIWA TALKED TO GUNMAN. GUNMAN REPEATED LIST OF DEMANDS ALREADY TRANSMITTED. ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS ON HIS WAY BACK FROM SINGAPORE. IN MEANTIME, JAPANESE EMBASSY IS REPORTING TO TOKYO.

2. WE NOW BELIEVE THERE MAY BE TWO OR PERHAPS THREE GUNMEN IN "RED ARMY OPERATIONS UNIT." AS FAR AS WE AWARE, THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CASUALTY: A MALAYSIAN POLICEMAN WAS WOUNDED WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ENTER FLOOR ON WHICH CONSULAR SECTION IS LOCATED. REMAINDER OF OFFICE BUILDING (12 STORY BUILDING OWNED BY AMERICAN INT'L INSURANCE CORP) HAS BEEN OR WILL SHORTLY BE EVACUATED. MALAYSIAN POLICE INSPECTOR-GENERAL HAS SET UP COMMAND POST IN BUILDING. ONLY ESSENTIAL

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EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE BEING RETAINED ON THREE FLOORS

ABOVE THE CONSULAR SECTION.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED WIFE OF CONSUL STEBBINS OF SITUATION.

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